

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

VAHID SUTA,

**Plaintiff,**

Case No. C22-0744RSL

V.

## THE HOME DEPOT, INC.,

**Defendant.**

**AMENDED ORDER SETTING  
TRIAL DATE & RELATED DATES**

**TRIAL DATE**

January 8, 2024

Reports from expert witnesses under FRCP 26(a)(2) due

July 12, 2023

All motions related to discovery must be noted on the motion calendar no later than the Friday before discovery closes pursuant to LCR 7(d) or LCR 37(a)(2)

September 11, 2023

Settlement conference held no later than

September 25, 2023

All dispositive motions must be filed by and noted on the motion calendar no later than the fourth Friday thereafter (see LCR 7(d)(3)).

October 10, 2023

All motions in limine must be filed by and noted on the motion calendar no earlier than the second Friday thereafter. Replies will be accepted.

December 11, 2023

**Agreed pretrial order due**

December 27, 2023

Pretrial conference to be scheduled by the Court

1 Trial briefs, proposed voir dire questions, proposed jury  
2 instructions, and trial exhibits due

January 3, 2024

3 Length of Trial: 6 days

Jury

4 These dates are set at the direction of the Court after reviewing the parties' submission.

5 Dkt. # 19. All other dates have already passed or are specified in the Local Civil Rules. If any  
6 of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a weekend or federal holiday,  
7 the act or event shall be performed on the next business day. These are firm dates that can be  
8 changed only by order of the Court, not by agreement of counsel or the parties. The Court will  
9 alter these dates only upon good cause shown; failure to complete discovery within the time  
10 allowed is not recognized as good cause.

11 If the trial date assigned to this matter creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must  
12 notify Teri Roberts, the judicial assistant, at 206-370-8810 within 10 days of the date of this  
13 Order and must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be deemed a  
14 waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be  
15 understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.

16 The settlement conference conducted between the close of discovery and the filing of  
17 dispositive motions requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference between persons  
18 with authority to settle the case. The settlement conference does not have to involve a third-  
19 party neutral.

20 **ALTERATIONS TO ELECTRONIC FILING PROCEDURES AND LOCAL RULES**

21 Information and procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western District of  
22 Washington's website at [www.wawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov). *Pro se* litigants may file either  
23 electronically or in paper form. The following alterations to the Electronic Filing Procedures  
24 apply in all cases pending before Judge Lasnik:

– Alteration to LCR 10(e)(9) - Effective July 1, 2014, the Western District of Washington will no longer accept courtesy copies in 3-ring binders. All courtesy copies must be punched, tabbed, and bound by rubber bands or clips. If any courtesy copies are delivered to the court's intake desk or chambers in 3-ring binders, the binders will be returned immediately. This does **NOT** apply to the submission of trial exhibits.

– Alteration to Section III, Paragraph M of the Electronic Filing Procedures - Unless the proposed order is stipulated, agreed, or otherwise uncontested, the parties need not e-mail a copy of the order to the judge's e-mail address.

– Pursuant to LCR 10(e)(10), all references in the parties’ filings to exhibits should be as specific as possible (*i.e.*, the reference should cite the specific page numbers, paragraphs, line numbers, etc.). All exhibits must be marked to designate testimony or evidence referred to in the parties’ filings. Filings that do not comply with LCR 10(e) may be rejected and/or returned to the filing party, particularly if a party submits lengthy deposition testimony without highlighting or other required markings.

– Alteration to LCR 7(d)(4) - Any motion *in limine* must be filed by the date set forth above and noted on the motion calendar no earlier than the second Friday thereafter. Any response is due on or before the Wednesday before the noting date. Parties may file and serve reply memoranda, not to exceed nine pages in length, on or before the noting date.

## PRIVACY POLICY

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2 and LCR 5.2, parties must redact the following information from documents and exhibits before they are filed with the court:

\* Dates of Birth - redact to the year of birth

\* Names of Minor Children - redact to the initials

\* Social Security Numbers and Taxpayer Identification Numbers - redact in their entirety

1                   \* Financial Accounting Information - redact to the last four digits

2                   \* Passport Numbers and Driver License Numbers - redact in their entirety

3                   All documents filed in the above-captioned matter must comply with Federal Rule of

4 Civil Procedure 5.2 and LCR 5.2.

5                   COOPERATION

6                   As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by agreement if  
7 possible. Counsel are further directed to cooperate in preparing the final pretrial order in the  
8 format required by LCR 16.1, except as ordered below.

9                   TRIAL EXHIBITS

10                  The original and one copy of the trial exhibits are to be delivered to chambers five days  
11 before the trial date. Each exhibit shall be clearly marked. Exhibit tags are available in the  
12 Clerk's Office. The Court hereby alters the LCR 16.1 procedure for numbering exhibits:  
13 plaintiff's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with 1; defendant's exhibits shall  
14 be numbered consecutively beginning with 500. Duplicate documents shall not be listed twice:  
15 once a party has identified an exhibit in the pretrial order, any party may use it. Each set of  
16 exhibits shall be submitted in a three-ring binder with appropriately numbered tabs.

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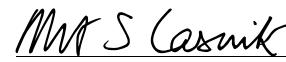
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1 SETTLEMENT

2 Should this case settle, counsel shall notify the Deputy Clerk, Victoria Erickson at 206-  
3 370-8517, as soon as possible. Pursuant to LCR 11(b), an attorney who fails to give the Deputy  
4 Clerk prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the Court deems  
5 appropriate.

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7 Dated this 6th day of March, 2023.

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9 ROBERT S. LASNIK  
10 United States District Judge